



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Hitoshi MATSUMOTO *et al.*
Serial Number : 10/019,402
Filed : December 28, 2001
For : COMPOSITIONS FOR FOODS, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
THE SAME, AND FUNCTIONAL FOODS AND DRINKS
CONTAINING THE SAME
Examiner : D. A. Jagoe
Group Art Unit : 1614

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

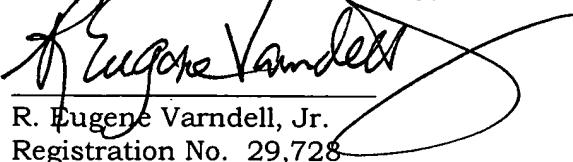
August 23, 2004

Dear Sir:

Prior to conducting an examination on the merits in this application pursuant to applicant's request for continued examination, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be telephoned at the below-listed number for arranging an interview with the undersigned. It is believed that an interview will expedite the prosecution of this application by explaining the differences between applicant's claimed invention and the cited prior art. An interview will also provide an opportunity for discussing amendments to the claims.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our deposit account No. 22-0256.

Respectfully submitted,
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